

## ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

EA Number: OR 128-03-03

BLM Coos Bay District Office

Lease/Serial/Case file No.: N/A

Proposed Action Title/Type: Menasha Corporation Tri W Tailhold Request

Location of Proposed Action: T. 28 S., R. 10 W., Secs. 23 &amp; 25, Will. Mer.

Applicant (if any): Menasha Corporation

Conformance With Applicable Land Use Plan: This proposed action is subject to the Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement and its Record of Decision (BLM, 1995); which is in conformance with the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on Management of Habitat for Late Successional and Old Growth Forest Related Species Within the Range of the Northern Spotted Owl and its Record of Decision (Interagency, 1994). This plan has been reviewed to determine if the proposed action conforms with the land use plan's terms and conditions as required by 43 CFR 1601.5.

Remarks: The Proposed Action is in compliance with the Coos Bay District Resource Management Plan & Environmental Impact Statement and its Record of Decision (BLM, 1995)(RMP); hereby incorporated by reference. The RMP has been determined to be consistent with the standards and guidelines for healthy lands at the land use plan scale and associated timelines.

Need for Proposed Action: Menasha Corporation has requested permission to tailhold on BLM trees adjacent to a unit they are harvesting for Tri W. As an adjacent landowner, BLM must either approve or deny their request. Appropriate mitigation measures may be a condition of their use.

Description of Proposed Action: Menasha Corporation is planning to clear cut harvest private timber in the northeast corner of Sec. 26 of T. 28 S., R. 10 W (see attached map). For tailholds, they propose to hang, at times, on stumps and at the base of trees growing on BLM lands in sections 23 and 25 of T. 28 S., R. 10 W. This would facilitate yarding of their logs by providing enough lift to partly suspend the logs over their ground. They plan to start yarding operations in June, 2003.

## Environmental Impacts to Critical Elements of the Human Environment:

Critical Elements	Affected		Critical Elements	Affected	
	Yes	No		Yes	No
Air Quality		X	T & E Species		X
ACECs		X	Wastes, Hazardous/Solid		X
Cultural Resources		X	Water Quality		X
Farmlands, Prime/Unique		X	Wetlands/Riparian Zones/ACS		X
Floodplains		X	Wild & Scenic Rivers		X
Unresolved conflicts		X	Wilderness		X
Noxious Weed Management		X	Port Orford Cedar Management		X
Environmental Justice Concerns		X	Energy production, transmission		X
Native American religious concerns and/or Indian trust resources		X			

Description of Impacts to Specific Elements of the Human Environment: The proposed tailholds are located in the General Forest Management Area land use allocation. The use of tailholds on BLM will allow the operator to achieve better log suspension thereby reducing impacts to soil and watershed resources on the private lands. There will be no measurable impacts to soil or water resources on BLM lands through the use of these tailholds.

Description of Mitigation Measures and Residual Impacts: No BLM trees will need to be cut. The use of straps and/or shims will prevent BLM trees from being girdled.

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Date: October 8, 2002

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#### FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT/DECISION RECORD.

I have reviewed this environmental assessment including the explanation and resolution of any potentially significant environmental impacts. I have determined that the proposed action with the mitigation measures described below will not have any significant impacts on the human environment and that an EIS is not required.. I have determined that the proposed project is in conformance with the approved land use plan. It is my decision to implement the project as described in the Description of the Proposed Action section with the mitigation measures identified below.

Mitigation Measures: 1. No BLM trees to be felled.  
2. BLM tailhold trees to be shimmed to prevent girdling.

Decision recommended by: NRSA:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

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Decision Approved by: Myrtlewood FM:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_